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## NECROLOGY

The following list, prepared by Mrs. Henry J. Carr, is the necrological record of A. L. A. members in the Handbook, 1916.

The number following the year of enrollment is that of accession in the numerical registration of the Association.

Grace E. Babbitt, reference librarian of the Public library of the District of Columbia, until failing health compelled her resignation a few months ago, died October 29, 1916. She joined the Association in 1907 (No. 4121) and attended the Conferences of 1907, '13 and '14.

Henrietta St. Barbe Brooks, librarian of Wellesley College, died March 16, 1916. She joined the A. L. A. in 1896 (No. 1389) and attended the conferences of 1896, '98, 1900, '02 and '03.

David N. Camp, president of the New Britain (Conn.) Institute library, died October 19, 1916, at the age of 96. He was one of the best known educators of the state, and had twice served as mayor of New Britain. He joined the Association in 1892 (No. 964) and attended the Conferences of 1892, 1902, 1909 and 1913.

Florence B. Custer, librarian of the Passyunk Branch of the Philadelphia Free Library, died June 30, 1916. She joined the Association in 1913 (No. 5841) and attended the conference of that year.

Samuel S. Greeley, president of the board of directors of the Winnetka (Ill.) Free Public library, died March 9, 1916. Mr. Greeley had the distinction of being the oldest living graduate of Harvard College, but notwithstanding the burden of 91 years his mind was clear and his body strong and vigorous until shortly before the end. He was deeply interested in library legislation and had repeatedly served on state library association committees. He had been a member of the A. L. A. since 1909 (No. 4614) but attended no conferences.

Helen E. Green, assistant in the Watertown (Mass.) Free Public Library, died January 27, 1916. She joined the A. L. A.

in 1909 (No. 4638) but attended no conferences.

Walter Learned, president of the board of trustees of the New London (Conn.) Public library, author, editor and business man, died December 12, 1915. He joined the A. L. A. in 1906 (No. 3636) but attended no conferences.

George A. Macbeth, chairman of the library committee of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh and prominent manufacturer and citizen of Pittsburgh, died February 11, 1916. He joined the A. L. A. in 1896 (No. 1457) and attended the conferences of 1896, '97 and 1909.

Mrs. Louisa van de Sande Mann, wife of Benjamin Pickman Mann, died at her home in Washington, D. C., October 19, 1916. She joined the Association in 1879 (No. 300) and later, with her husband, became a life member. She attended the conferences of 1879, '85, '87, '90, '92, '93, '98, 1906, '07, '09, '12-'14, thirteen in all.

Lucy Ogden, assistant in the division of prints, Library of Congress, died November 10, 1915. She joined the A. L. A. in 1905 (No. 3243) and attended the conferences of 1906, 1911 and '14.

Arthur Jeffrey Parsons, chief of the division of prints, Library of Congress, died November 5, 1915. He joined the A. L. A. in 1900 (No. 1912) and attended the conference of 1902.

Mary Wright Plummer, principal of the library school of the New York Public library, president of the A. L. A. for the year 1915-16, a pioneer in library training, and one of the most prominent library figures of the country, died September 21, 1916. She had at various times been on important committees, especially in connection with library training, was a member of the Executive Board previous to her term as president, and was second vice-president 1899-1900 and 1911-12. She was elected president of the Association in 1915 and notwithstanding pain and extreme physical weakness performed all the duties of

the office for the entire term, even to arranging the Asbury Park Conference program in all its details. Her lowered vitality, however, made it impossible for her to be present and preside at the Conference, the success of which was so largely hers. Miss Plummer joined the Association in 1887 (No. 602) and attended the conferences of 1887, '89-'93, '96-1905, '07-'08, and '12-'14, twenty-three altogether. See *Library Journal* 41:727 (editorial), 756-57; and *Public Libraries*, 21:355.

John Christopher Schwab, librarian of Yale University, died after a week's illness of pneumonia, on January 12, 1916. He had been connected with Yale for twenty-five years; for the last ten as head of the university library. He joined the A. L. A. in 1905 (No. 3462) and attended the conferences of 1906, '09 and 1913.

Ruth Lockwood Terpenning, branch librarian of the Piedmont Avenue Branch of the Oakland (Calif.) Free library, died May 10, 1915. She joined the A. L. A. in 1914 (No. 6482), but attended no conference.

John Thomson, Litt. D., librarian of the Free Library of Philadelphia since its opening in 1894, died February 23, 1916. As a librarian, bibliographer, organist, scholar and friend, he made a deep impression on all with whom he came in contact, and will be sincerely missed for many years to come. He joined the A. L. A. in 1893 (No. 1113) and attended the conferences of 1894, '96, '97, '98, '99, 1902, '04, '06, and '13. See *Library Journal* 41: 162 (editorial), 264-65 (portrait as frontispiece to number); *Public Libraries* 21:125 (editorial), 153.

Irving Strong Upson, former librarian of Rutgers College, died February 25, 1915 (decease not learned in time to be included in last year's necrology). He joined the A. L. A. in 1887 (No. 623) but attended no conferences.

Florence Whittier, for several years past and until failing health compelled her resignation, assistant librarian of the University of Missouri, died in Los Angeles,

Sept. 11, 1916. From September, 1909, to September, 1910, she was assistant secretary of the A. L. A., in the newly established office in Chicago. She joined the Association in 1902 (No. 2547), and attended the conferences of 1902, '05 and '10.

Evan J. Williams, assistant librarian of the Columbus (Ohio) Public Library, died March 5, 1916. He joined the A. L. A. in 1910 (No. 4967) and attended the conference of 1910.

The following persons formerly belonged to the Association but were not members at the time of their death:

Francis Asbury Crandall, formerly chief of the reference section of the office of the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, died July 9, 1915. He joined the Association in 1896 (No. 1402), and attended the conferences of 1896-98 and 1903.

Mrs. William I. Fletcher, wife of an honored and beloved ex-president of the Association, died at Amherst, Mass., Oct. 21, 1915. She joined the Association in 1879 (No. 344) and attended the conferences of 1879 and 1902.

William Ives, who was librarian of the Buffalo Young Men's Association and the Buffalo library for fifty-two years, died Aug. 21, 1916, aged 99 years and 6 months. He attended the first conference of the A. L. A. in 1876 but did not become a member until two years later (No. 189). He retained his membership until 1908, and attended the conferences of 1876, '83, '88, '90, '94, '96, '98 and 1903. See *Library Journal* 41:757 (and frontispiece portrait).

Ezekiel W. Mundy, librarian emeritus of the Syracuse Public Library, died June 8, 1916. He joined the Association in 1894 (No. 1243), but he had the Syracuse library become an institutional member the year the Association was organized, 1876. He attended the conferences of 1883, '89, '94, '97, '98, 1900.

Ophelia A. Parrish, librarian of the State Normal School, Kirksville, Mo., died Oct. 30, 1915. She joined the Association in 1904 (No. 3169) and attended the conference that year.